Title: Regarding representation to the seven members committee formed by the Central Government to look into the sharing of water from Mullaperiya Dam between State Government of Kerala and Tamil Nadu.

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE (IDUKKI): Sir, I draw the attention of the Government to a very serious issue that is being faced by the State of Kerala regarding the Mullaperiyar Dam...(*Interruptions*) This Mullaperiyar dam is a 100-year old dam. For the sharing of water between Kerala and Tamil Nadu, an agreement had been entered into by the erstwhile British Government with the former Travancore State and that agreement had been made for 999 years, something which is unheard of in this country − an agreement for a thousand years, which is binding on future generations! Now there is a dispute going on for the sharing of this water. We all know it very well, and I would like to inform the Central Government, that Kerala State is facing acute water and power shortage. This is a 104-year old agreement and the same situation has been going on. Now a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Kerala and Tamil Nadu had been called by the Centre at the direction of the Supreme Court and in that particular meeting it was agreed upon to have a three-member committee − one member each representing the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala, and one member from the Central Water Commission - to examine this issue. The minutes of that meeting have been tampered − it has been reported in the Press - and now the Central Government has formed a seven-member committee, and there is only one member from Kerala. The mandate of that committee was to examine the safety of the dam.

That Committee has come to Mullaperiyar and studied the issue of raising the water level from 136 feet to 152 feet. ...(*Interruptions*) Sir, this is a very important matter. Please allow me a minute to complete.

MR. SPEAKER: You have already taken more time.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, if it is raised, it will affect us. This is a serious issue. ...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, this is a burning issue of Kerala. We will not allow anyone to do injustice to Kerala. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA (MAVELIKARA): Sir, this is the right of the people of Kerala. ...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : We must be properly represented in any Committee. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. FRANCIS GEORGE : Sir, the Central Government has to interfere. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VAIKO : Sir, this is a controversial issue between the two States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

MR. SPEAKER: What is this? Shri Vaiko, you are not allowing other Members to speak. I have called Shri Ganga Reddy.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM : There is one member from Kerala and one from Tamil Nadu in that Committee. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI VAIKO : The State of Tamil Nadu is there. ...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI K. MURALEEDHARAN (CALICUT): The State of Kerala is getting less water. ...(*Interruptions*)

PROF. A.K. PREMAJAM : Sir, this is an obsolete treaty. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: All of you can associate yourselves with Shri Francis George.

SHRI VARKALA RADHAKRISHNAN : Sir, great injustice is being done to Kerala. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

MR. SPEAKER: Are you not allowing others to speak? What is this? Madam, you please take your seat. You are always disturbing the House. Please take your seat.

SHRI VAIKO : Sir, this is a controversial issue affecting the rights of the people of Tamil Nadu. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Please take your seat. I am on my legs.

...(*Interruptions*)

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : How can you say it? It is affecting the rights of Kerala. ...(*Interruptions*)

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record.

*(Interruptions)**

SHRI VAIKO (SIVAKASI): Sir, great injustice has been done by them already.

SHRI RAMESH CHENNITHALA : Injustice is being done to Kerala. Let the Government reply to it. The hon. Minister is here.

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*Not Recorded.

MR. SPEAKER: Nothing will go on record except what Shri Ganga Reddy says.

*(Interruptions)**